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MEMORANDUM FOR : CS Historical Board

SUBJECT : Report on Matter of Compartmentation
of HS/CSG Cards and Files

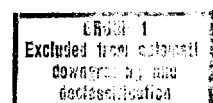
1. Per the instructions of the Board, I met with Mr. Karamessines on 15 May 1969 and explained the apparent determination of the C/HS to have a "master index" including cards and documents from all directorates and the Board's serious concern that this could lead to disclosure of CS material to non-CS personnel. (Attached is a copy of the Aide Memoire I showed Mr. Karamessines and a Memorandum for the Record of my conversation with him.)

2. As shown in the attachments, Mr. Karamessines felt that no one but DDP personnel should have access to DDP cards and files, and that no one but a DDP officer should be in charge of DDP cards and documents. Rather than change the slots from the DCI T/O to the DDP T/O, as I had suggested, he requested I reach an agreement with Professor Ehrmann on this matter.

3. In the meantime, [] has prepared (at C/HS's request) two memorandums, one setting forth a proposal for maintaining the source index, the other describing a document system. These two proposed procedures are not as yet approved by C/HS. They are based on the principle of a master index but segregated by directorate, one procedure for cards and one for documents. As [] and I see it, we could live with this system as long as a CS officer controlled it and used the safeguards now used by [] There is, however, no provision for ensuring that [] eventual successor will be a CS officer. 25X1 25X1 25X1

4. After having discussed the question with [] and having thought a good deal about the problem myself, I am now firmly of the opinion that there should be entirely separate non-integrated index systems for each directorate,

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but at least for the CS; other directorates may opt either to have their own separate index systems or integrate the holdings of the three other directorates. Actually, since the only cards and documents now collected are CS, or CS-related, there are no other cards and documents to integrate! (The only minor exception to this consists of a card for each of the very few histories completed by the other three directorates.) Thus, there is no real, immediate problem, but only one of principle. Since principles, like precedents, once established are hard to change, it still seems wise to settle this matter soon.

25X1 5. In deciding this question I think it pertinent to consider what is the purpose of an index system. In the Professor's words, it is to aid a writer in finding the documents he will need in writing a historical paper. Now, in HS/CSG's experience since 1964, the only non-CS writers to ask for help from [] have been from DDS. This is quite natural and proper as all DDS activities are in support of DDP activities and thus the histories of these two directorates are closely related. For the other directorates, it seems only logical that, say, a DDI writer would need to review only DDI documents, and this he could do best in DDI files or collections. The main exception to this would seem to be in the instances of matters pertaining to two or more directorates. Even here, it seems unlikely that copies of inter-directorate memos would not be in DDI files. Thus, I can see no need for an integrated index/document system. On the other hand, there are several reasons for not having it, such as the need for security and compartmentation. Furthermore, it is not at all clear that the other directorates have approved the idea of integrating their material in one system under the control of a DDP officer.

6. This leaves the question of continued DDP control over HS/CSG holdings once [] is transferred or retires. 25X1

25X1 7. I believe that by all odds the simplest, most logical and most secure solution to the problem of HS/CSG security is to re-establish it as it was before, responsible directly to CSHB through its Executive Secretary, and keep it solely a DDP function. Then, as the need arises, if, indeed, it does, each directorate may set up whatever system suits its own particular needs. As for [] eventual successor, I think it

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must be made clearly a matter of record that only a DDP officer will be acceptable. However, once the first principle is established, the second should follow almost automatically.

25X1 8. As for action to be taken, I recommend that Mr. take these two matters up with Professor Ehrmann at an early date, as speaking for the Board and the DDP.

Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

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